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WEATHER REPORT.

Oregon and Washington—Continued fair and moderately cold. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington: Generally fair.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The surcease from politics in Astoria is manifestly appreciated.

The laugh of a child is heard far and wide, especially at Christmas.

Is there any connection between an East wind and the "Star in the East"?

Black sand ceases to be black sand when it becomes a steel bar or a gold ingot.

If you cannot think of, nor find, what you want in the way of a gift for a friend, just scan the Astorian's advertising columns.

That Portland Chamber of Commerce committee of five that was here on Thursday seemed to move too quietly for some folks.

"You cannot make a purse out of a sow's ear," but you can fill many a purse from a proper and timely use of the black sands of Clatsop.

Christmas lays the spirit of turbulence among men: This is one of its happiest features and must have been the essential dream of the great Luther.

The whole force of the Astorian intends to keep Christmas as it should be kept, from the company to the devil, therefore there will be no paper on Monday morning.

It is time to think up just what you are going to swear off on. It takes time to determine which of the precious habits we want to dispense with; and having concluded, it takes time to let go. The time required to resume, however, need not be calculated.

Between Clatsop Spit and Tillamook Head there is an estimated bulk of twenty billions of tons of black sand, bearing, according to Dr. Day, the reliable government expert, 60 cents in gold to the ton. Figure this out, somebody, and see what you are neglecting! Iron and steel not computed.

When a woman ventures into a cigar stand these days, every man that sees her feels a silent, yet poignant, sympathy for the poor fellow that has to smoke the cigars she orders for Christmas. Most of us have smoked our wives' and sweethearts' cigars, and have been almost cured of the habit, in the indulgence. It is on a par with a man's purchase of lingerie.

When Portland sends out a commission after abundant and explicit information, it means something, either for Portland, or the State, mostly Portland, of course, but we are hoping for much from the Teal Committee that was here on Thursday, for the State, Portland, and even our own lively City of Astoria. It is presumptuous, we admit, but the quality of the committee is to blame for our temerity.

Next summer there will be a cry at the trains and steamers arriving and departing, at, and from, Astoria, of

"Bus," for the Metropole," or the "Waldorf-Astoria," or the "Hotel El Morino," or the "Dunbar House," or the "Hotel Kinney," or the "Flavel Inn," or the "Hotel Brown," or the "Hammond House," or some other handsome, and up-to-date habitat for the weary and fastidious traveler who desires to sojourn at this resort for a while.

The peasant in the sheep-skin is as hard to stop as to set going.

The men behind the guns are also good at weathering storms in which they are given up for lost.

How can a chap who helps anybody to have a good time next Monday properly be said to be dead broke.

Congress will take up the railroad-rate bills after the holiday recess, and prior to the issuance of passes for 1906.

Definite word is eagerly awaited from John Mitchell whether he is going to freeze us or merely give us the cold shivers.

The Hon. Bill Taft may have been among the big fellows at Manila, but a little imperator? Not on his photograph!

Secretary Bonaparte may now feel some sparks of sympathy for Old Ironsides. He has learned himself what it is to be a target.

A Chicago paper argues that the removal of the duty on hides would put down the price of shoes. And so it might, in Chicago.

The difference might be expressed this way: That while several of our foreign visitors have been Admirals, now a man named Togo is coming.

Those who delay their Christmas shopping beyond today will find the nose guard and the shin boards helpful suggestions in their business.

The country is relieved to learn from Senator Tillman that it is no worse off than usual there being nothing the matter with it except everything.

Admiral Dewey is endeavoring to have the American navy strengthened and rejuvenated against the coming of Admiral Togo and his Japanese fleet.

The czar of Russia is not exactly nervous, but he would like to know what they have got for him in that room where they keep the Christmas presents.

It is agreed that the Americans are rendering the canal zone healthful, and that is an achievement in line with making the dirt fly to the best advantage.

President Eliot admits that rich men have some few joys, one of them perhaps being that there is nothing to compel them to read lectures about the use of wealth.

Predictions of war, famine, panic and pestilence are being made for the year 1906. Congress may have to sit through the entire year in order to hold the lid securely in place.

Mr. Carnegie's philanthropic ledger shows that, up to this time, he has given away \$138,000,000, and, as he is only sixty-eight, he still has plenty of time to avoid dying rich.

Yes, there have been seven weddings in the White House, and nothing is more pleasant than one of those occasions when it is apropos to remember just how many there have been.

In his attempt to reopen the ballot boxes Mr. Hearst lost in the court of appeals by a judicial vote to 5 to 2. It was a fair count, and Mr. Hearst ought to enjoy the novelty.

Former Queen Lil has sent in her regular biennial petition for \$10,000,000 as recompense for the crown lands of Hawaii. The Senate will probably pursue its usual course and waste-basket the claim.

After more mature deliberation even the members of that distinguished body will be inclined to concur in Engineer Shonts' opinion that he knows how a canal ought to be dug much better than Congress does.

Another way to avoid the dangers of pneumonia incident to inaugurating presidents in March would be to cut out the street carnival features of the program designed chiefly for the benefit of Washington hotels.

Senator Bailey promises to support the President whenever the latter chances to be right. This ought to make everything easy for the President, who will never lack for supporters when Senator Bailey is wrong.

The man who attempts to follow the

route of the Milwaukee railroad through Montana by studying the counties named in the articles of incorporation as to be traversed may at least find the key to the Pigs-in-Clover puzzle.

Dr. Osler, of chloroform notoriety, seems to have become tired of his English professorship at Oxford, and will return to Johns Hopkins, Baltimore. Dr. Osler perseveringly says he never said it, he will be allowed to pull a laboring oar as long as he can do it well.

Four war governors still survive. They are Sprague of Rhode Island, Holbrook of Vermont, Crawford of Kansas and Pettys of Mississippi. The governors of the civil war period varied in executive ability, but some won immortal fame in the history of the country.

The mills using the water power of the Genesee river in New York State, have turned the falls at Rochester into a dry precipice, and electric lighting as Quebec has reduced the falls of Montmorency to a thip rivulet. It is no false alarm that represents Niagara to be in danger.

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CHANGE OF TIME

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Commencing Sunday, November 19, train No. 6, the Royal Blue Limited, will leave Grand Central passenger station, Chicago at 5 p. m., instead of 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Pittsburg at 6:35 a. m., Washington at 4:40 p. m., Baltimore 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia, 8:19 p. m. New York 10:40 p. m. the same as with the old schedule, thus reducing the time one hour and thirty minutes. No excess fare will be charged on this fast limited train. All other trains will arrive and depart the same as formerly. Stop-over is allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed ten days, at each place, on all first-class through tickets.

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